

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 32-39 are pending in this application. Claims 32-33 and 35-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 4,241,339 to Ushiyama in view of U.S. patent 5,548,420 to Koshimizu et al. (herein "Koshimizu"). Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ushiyama in view of Koshimizu.

Applicant and applicants' representative wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for the discussion granted applicants' representative on July 8, 2005. During that discussion the outstanding rejections were discussed in detail. Further, claim amendments were discussed to clarify the claims over the applied art. The present response sets forth the discussed claim amendments. Examiner Nguyen indicated during the discussion that such claim amendments appear to address the current rejections, but that he would fully consider such amended claims when formally presented in a filed response.

Addressing the above-noted rejections, those rejections are traversed by the present response.

Initially, applicants note independent claim 32 is amended by the present response to clarify what is meant by displaying a "fixed image". Specifically, independent claim 32 now clarifies that the fixed image is "always viewable from an oblique angle to the terminal device and not viewable from the front direction of the terminal device". According to such a claimed feature, any person who is looking at the claimed terminal device will always view the fixed image from an oblique angle. Such a feature provides a benefit of providing security so that if someone is viewing the terminal from the oblique angle they will always see the fixed image, and thereby they may not see an image generated by the driving circuit. The image generated by the driving circuit is viewable from the front direction, as also

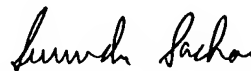
clarified in independent claim 32. Further, from the front direction the user will not see the fixed image, so that the user can then still see any image generated by the driving record.

With respect to displaying the fixed image, the outstanding office action now appears to cite the teachings in Koshimizu. However, applicants respectfully submit Koshimizu does not disclose or suggest “displaying a fixed image always viewable from an oblique angle to the terminal device and not viewable from a front direction of the terminal device”, as now clarified in independent claim 32. Koshimizu does not disclose any image that is always displayed in a terminal device, much less that is always displayed from an oblique angle terminal device, and not viewable from a front direction. Thus, independent claim 32 and the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to recite limitations neither taught nor suggested by the combination of teachings of Ushiyama in view of Koshimizu.

In view of these foregoing comments, applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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